

Howard Planning and Zoning Minutes



MINUTES

HOWARD COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING

August 19, 2015

A meeting of the Howard County Planning & Zoning Commission was convened in Open and Public session on the 19th of August, 2015, in the Assembly Room of the Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Chairman Terry Spilinek called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. The Open Meeting Act was posted in the rear of the room. Administrator Cherri Klinginsmith read the Notice of the Meeting. A proof of publication was filed at the Howard County Clerk's office.

Roll called showed eight members present: Daryl Anderson, Jeff Christensen, Randy Kauk, Chris Kosmicki, Ken Kozisek, Ron Kulwicki, Jack Reimers and Terry Spilinek. Dave Sack was absent. Also present were Administrator Klinginsmith, Janet Thomsen, acting Zoning Secretary; and members of the public, Jennifer Smydra, Doug Voigt, Darla Voigt, and Richard Fishell.

The agenda and minutes were e-mailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Kauk and seconded by Kulwicki to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2015, meeting. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Klinginsmith reminded the board members of the fall workshop in Kearney on Sept. 28-29. Two sessions of note are The Open Meetings Act and How to Manage Public Hearings. Those board members wishing to attend should let Klinginsmith know by Sept. 3.

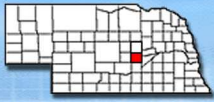
Klinginsmith also reminded the board members of the Livestock Friendly County designation with Governor Pete Ricketts on Thursday, Aug. 20. Additionally, she pointed out there were no changes to Howard County's Planning & Zoning rules and regulations for this designation.

At 8:05 p.m. the public hearing regarding a single lot subdivision application by Jennifer Smydra opened. The subdivision consists of 10.00 +/- acres and will be named North Hill Estates 2nd Addition located in the SW ¼ of Section 10, Township 15N, Range 10W. Smydra was present for the hearing. She stated that she plans to build a house in this single lot subdivision, south, across the driveway from three other lots. Doug and Darla Voigt had concerns about the driveway. There was no testimony in opposition to the application. The public hearing was closed at 8:10 p.m. Kosmicki moved to approve the North Hill Estates 2nd Subdivision. Kulwicki seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous roll call vote of 8-0. A Finding of Facts was also completed (copy attached).

Discussion was held regarding the sign permit for Nathan Lutz in the Country Meadows Subdivision. After a lengthy discussion regarding the type of sign, placement, sizing, and business use, the board decided to have Klinginsmith inform Lutz that the sign must be removed for the present time.

Discussion of the county planning and zoning fees was also held. New fees include village fees, fence fees and demolition fees. Christensen stated that he felt some of the fines for not having permits was not high enough. Some of the fines are easier to pay than taking the time and effort to apply for a permit, especially at certain times of the year, he said. Klinginsmith reiterated that the villages are responsible for communicating the fees and necessary permits to their residents. (Recommended fee schedule attached.)

At 9:25 p.m., Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting. Reimers seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 16, 2015.



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Janet Thomsen, Acting Secretary